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Pak stays in FATF 'grey list' for terror financing

The global body against money laundering and terror financing — Financial Action Task Force (FATF) — on Friday retained Pakistan on its 'grey list' for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing, and asked Islamabad to investigate and prosecute senior leaders of UN-designated terror groups, including Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar. P10

Many not in sync with Centre's roadmap; Mehbooba will abstain if special status is not restored, but PDP will contest state elections

Day after, parties push for J&K statehood before poll

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar/New Delhi

A day after the Centre unveiled its roadmap for the resumption of the democratic process in J&K, leaders of several parties said restoration of statehood must precede Assembly elections, while PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti claimed she would not enter the fray till special status under Article 370 is restored, though her party would.

Explaining her rationale, Mehbooba said, "Otherwise they will say I am doing it for political gains. If PDP wins the polls, I will not be chief minister." However, she said that her party would contest the polls as it cannot leave any democratic space, otherwise it will be taken away by other forces.

Mehbooba is the third J&K leader to decide not to contest polls. NC vice-president Omar Abdullah and another party leader Aga Ruhullah have already made their entering the fray conditional to the restoration of full statehood.

Senior National Conference leader and Gupkar Alliance coordinator Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi said holding of polls while J&K remains a Union Territory is not acceptable. "In Assam, they kept on hold the delimitation process and held Assembly elections while here they say delimitation will precede elections (while it remains a UT)," he pointed out. Another NC leader Imran Nabi Dar said the party's position is clear: grant of statehood should be the first confidence building measure of the Centre.

Articulating the stand of the Congress, senior party leader P Chidambaram said: "Congress and other J&K parties and leaders want statehood first and elections afterwards. Government's response is elections first and statehood later. The horse pulls the cart. A state must conduct elections. Only such elections will be free and fair. Why does the government want the cart in front and the horse behind? It is bizarre."

Senior CPI (M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami, who is also spokesperson of the Gupkar Alliance, told this newspaper that they had not attended the all-party meet in Delhi for holding elections. "None of us had gone there to demand elections."

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had on Thursday told the all-party meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that while the Centre is committed to restoring statehood, it will happen after the delimitation process and the Assembly elections are over. "We did not get answers to our concerns. The PM did not offer anything concrete in terms of assurances," Tarigami said. P10

DIFFERENT STROKES

CENTRE
Statehood to J&K to follow delimitation exercise and Assembly elections

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Wants restoration of statehood before J&K goes to polls

PDP
State polls after restoration of special status under Article 370

NATIONWIDE	JUNE 24	JUNE 25
Fresh cases	54,069	51,667
Recoveries	68,885	64,527
Deaths	1,321	1,329

JAB-O-METER — TAKE YOUR SHOT

June 24	June 25
34,07,060 doses	34,48,406 doses

TOTAL DOSES: 31,43,72,466

KARNATAKA	JUNE 24	JUNE 25
Fresh cases	3,979	3,310
Recoveries	9,768	6,524
Deaths	138	114

TAX RELIEF FOR COVID TREATMENT

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@ New Delhi

IN a huge relief to Covid patients and their families, the Centre on Friday said all payments made by an employer towards an employee's Covid-19 treatment as well as ex-gratia payments made to the family in case of death, will be exempt from tax.

Acknowledging the large number of deaths and the financial difficulties faced by the family members of Covid victims, the finance ministry said many employers and organisations have extended financial help to such families. "In order to provide relief to the family members of such taxpayer, it has been decided to provide income-tax exemption to ex-gratia payment received by family members of a person from the employer of such person or from other person on the death of the person on account of Covid-19 during FY2019-20 and subsequent years," it stated.

While full exemption will be offered for any amount received from the employer, it shall be limited to ₹10 lakh if the amount is received from any other entity or person.

Shailesh Kumar, partner, Nangia & Co, said, "Though the relief is granted retrospectively from FY20 onwards, since the due date for filing ITR for FY20 has already expired, it would be important to see whether the government revives the time limit for filing ITR for FY20."

The finance ministry has also extended some key tax compliance deadlines. These include the last date for furnishing TDS certificate in Form 16 to the employees by employers, which has been extended from July 15 to July 31. The deadline for making payments under the Vivad Se Vishwas direct tax dispute resolution scheme has also been extended by two months till August 31. Taxpayers can make payments till October 31 with an additional amount of interest.

Sept 30 new deadline for Aadhaar-PAN linking

The deadline to link Aadhaar with PAN card has been extended by three months to September 30

J&K student lands dream Amazon job

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Tumakuru

IF it was not for BSNL fibernet at home at Khanabal in Anantnag district of Jammu & Kashmir, Kaisar Shabir would not have attended online interviews with companies scouting for talent under 'campus selection' in December 2020.

Kaisar Shabir

Kaisar, who graduated from Siddaganga Institute of Technology here, has been appointed as a software development engineer with Amazon after training, and his salary package is Rs 31.97 lakh per year. This is the highest among 700 Bachelor of Engineering students from SIT who got placed through campus recruitment.

"I was tense as the network dropped at times at our home. But thankfully it didn't. I am sure interviewers would have rescheduled my interview if there were any internet issues," said Kaisar.

"It would have been even better if the mobile network was working at that time. But BSNL proved helpful," he said.

After being selected, he worked from home, and now he is joining Amazon's Bengaluru office to work offline. "I don't have dreams of going abroad. I want to crack the UPSC in future and serve in India," he said.

Twitter blocks minister for an hour, faces fury

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

UNION Minister for Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad on Friday complained that social media giant Twitter had denied him access to his account for around an hour. Twitter's action followed complaints that he had violated copyright laws by posting clippings from TV debates.

A Twitter a spokesperson said, "We can confirm that the minister's account access was temporarily restricted due to a DMCA (Digital Millennium Copyright Act) notice only and the referenced tweet has been withheld. As per our copyright policy, we respond to valid copyright complaints sent to us by a copyright owner or their authorised representatives."

EXPRESS READ

CM calls for vigil on Kerala, Maha borders

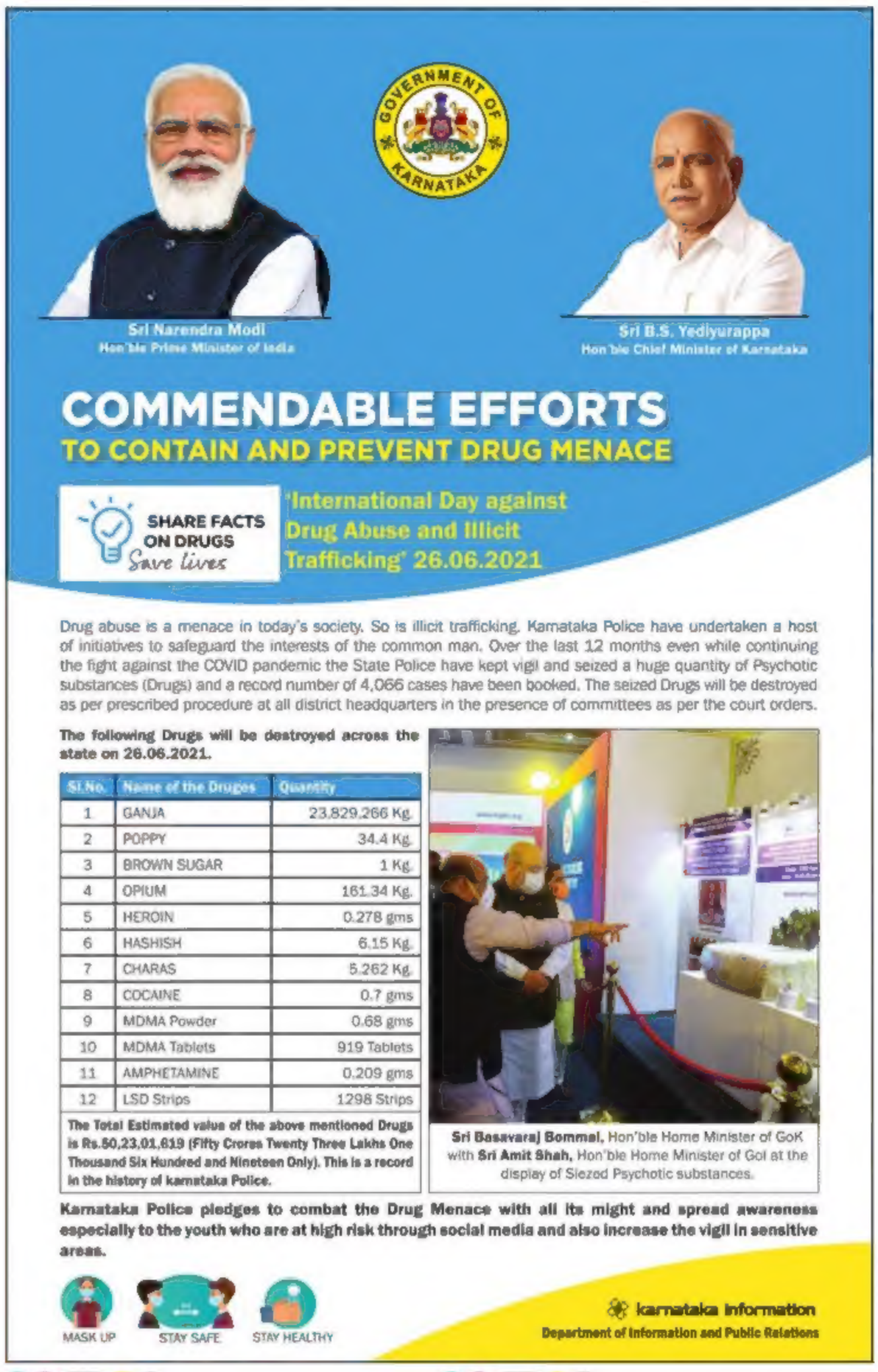
Bengaluru: Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday told officials to closely monitor and test those arriving in Karnataka from Maharashtra and Kerala as the pandemic situation there is of concern. | P4

6 more vaccines in pipeline for India

Bengaluru: National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation chairman Dr Narendra Kumar Arora has said that at least six more vaccines will be available by the time the Covid third wave hits the country. | P4

IIMB best B-school in India in global ranking

Bengaluru: The Postgraduate Programme in Enterprise Management of the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore has been ranked the best in India in the QS Executive MBA (EMBA) Rankings. | P2


GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Sri B.S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka
COMMENDABLE EFFORTS
TO CONTAIN AND PREVENT DRUG MENACE
SHARE FACTS ON DRUGS Save lives
'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' 26.06.2021
Drug abuse is a menace in today's society. So is illicit trafficking. Karnataka Police have undertaken a host of initiatives to safeguard the interests of the common man. Over the last 12 months even while continuing the fight against the COVID pandemic the State Police have kept vigil and seized a huge quantity of Psychotic substances (Drugs) and a record number of 4,066 cases have been booked. The seized Drugs will be destroyed as per prescribed procedure at all district headquarters in the presence of committees as per the court orders.
The following Drugs will be destroyed across the state on 26.06.2021.
Sl.No. | Name of the Druges | Quantity
1 GANJA 23,829.266 Kg.
2 POPPY 34.4 Kg.
3 BROWN SUGAR 1 Kg.
4 OPIUM 161.34 Kg.
5 HEROIN 0.278 gms
6 HASHISH 6.15 Kg.
7 CHARAS 5.262 Kg.
8 COCAINE 0.7 gms
9 MDMA Powder 0.68 gms
10 MDMA Tablets 919 Tablets
11 AMPHETAMINE 0.209 gms
12 LSD Strips 1298 Strips
The Total Estimated value of the above mentioned Drugs is Rs.50,23,01,619 (Fifty Crores Twenty Three Lakhs One Thousand Six Hundred and Nineteen Only). This is a record in the history of karnataka Police.
Sri Basavaraj Bommai, Hon'ble Home Minister of GoK with Sri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Home Minister of GoI at the display of Siezed Psychotic substances.
Karnataka Police pledges to combat the Drug Menace with all its might and spread awareness especially to the youth who are at high risk through social media and also increase the vigil in sensitive areas.
MASK UP
STAY SAFE
STAY HEALTHY
karnataka information
Department of Information and Public Relations